# Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes – Video Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois May 24, 2018

The Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") convened for a Regular Meeting – Video – on May 23, 2018, in the Conference Room of the Gaming Board office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, Chicago, Illinois pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Don Tracy, Members Hector Alejandre, Dee Robinson, Michael Hansen and Steve Dolins. Five members of the Board being present, a quorum was satisfied.

The following Staff members were also in attendance: Acting Administrator Agostino Lorenzini, Legal Counsel Daniel Gerber, Legal Counsel Jared Smith, Acting Legal Counsel Richard Harlovic, Deputy Administrator-Investigations Scott Deubel, Deputy Administrator-Audit and Financial Analysis Jim Lopinski, License Coordinator Robert Burke, Office Manager and Acting Secretary to the Board Lucy Bautista, Senior Project Manager Mark Stevens, Deputy Administrator-Enforcement Frank Spizzirri, Operations Officer Lt. William Doster. Legislative Liaison Caleb Melamed attended via telephone from the Illinois Gaming Board's Springfield office. No one from the public was present to attend at that time.

Chairman Tracy called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

At 11:46 A.M. Member Dolins moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), (14), and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to specific personnel, the closed session minutes, investigations, and pending litigation. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board discussed matters referenced in the closed session agenda.

At 1:54 P.M., Member Alejandre moved to adjourn the video closed session meeting and return to open session. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

At 1:54 P.M., Member Robinson moved to adjourn the open meeting to Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board reconvened in Open Session on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:49 AM in the Assembly Hall of the James R. Thompson Center at 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois. Physically present were the following: Chairman Don Tracy, Members Steve Dolins and Michael Hansen. Members Hector Alejandre and Dee Robinson participated via telephone due to employment reasons.

#### APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Member Hansen moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of April 13, 2018 and the amended minutes of the August 23, 2017 closed session. Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4:0. Member Dolins abstained from voting since he was not present at the April meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTARY

• **Joe Rupnick and attorney William Bogot** – Discussed Request for Hearing submitted by Springfield Pub, Inc. d/b/a The Dublin Pub. Further, Mr. Bogot requested on behalf of Joe Rupnick and Springfield Pub, Inc. that the denial issued in January 2018 be rescinded and a license be granted.

### MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

## License Renewals

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the manufacturer, distributor and supplier licenses of **Novomatic Americas Sales LLC** for a period of one year, expiring in May 2019. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### TERMINAL OPERATORS

## <u>Initial License</u>

Based on Staff's investigation and review of supplemental information provided to the Board by Illinois Interactive Gaming, LLC, Member Hansen moved that the Board **rescind its May 25, 2017 denial and issue** a Terminal Operator license to **Illinois Interactive Gaming, LLC** for a term of one year, expiring in May, 2019, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. The motion was not seconded. **The motion died for a lack of a second**.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **rescind its May 25, 2017** denial provided the Illinois Gaming Board and **Illinois Interactive Gaming, LLC** sign a written settlement agreement that is approved by the Court. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## License Renewals

Member Hansen moved that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator Licenses for a term of one year, expiring in May 2019:

- G3 Gaming, LLC
- Hyperactive Gaming, LLC
- Illinois Gaming Investors, LLC d/b/a Prairie State Gaming, LLC

- Skybox Gaming Group, LLC
- Tap Room Gaming, LLC

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the Terminal Operator License of **Compact Disc Amusements, Limited d/b/a Aces Video Gaming** for a term of one year retroactive to March 2018, and expiring in March 2019. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS**

# <u>Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials</u>

Member Dolins moved that the Board **approve 1 Technician** license and **62 Terminal Handler** licenses, and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to:

- Eric LaVell McCall
- James Thomas Stewart
- Steven David Pratl
- Craig Martin Popernik
- Steven Douglas Gelatka

Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Hansen moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Technicians and Terminal Handlers who were licensed or renewed in May 2017, and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### VIDEO GAMING LOCATIONS

## <u>Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials</u>

Scrivener's Error: Member Hansen moved that the Board approve 89 Video Gaming Establishment Licenses, for a period of one year, expiring in May 2018, and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to:

- THE DITCH BAR AND GRILL, L.L.C. d/b/a THE DITCH BAR AND GRILL
- MONKEYWORKS INC. d/b/a BigHouse
- Mapes 77 Inc. d/b/a Alfredo's Pizza & Pasta
- Suparossa Sports Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Real Time Sports Bar & Grill
- JBH PETROLEUM & FOODMART INC. d/b/a JBH KNOXVILLE

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. However, the total number of locations was miscalculated due to a glitch in the licensing system. The number of approved locations was 84. Moreover, the licenses were issued for a period for one year, expiring in May 2019.

### License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Scrivener's Error: Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veteran Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in May 2018, and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Board's Rules. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. However, the motion renewed the license of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veteran Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in May 2017. The renewal was granted for a period of one year, expiring in May of 2019.

## REQUESTS FOR HEARING, REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

## Requests for Hearing

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the requests for hearings submitted by the following:

- Anthony G. Curtale
- GTAV Gaming LLC
- WONDER FOODS, INC. d/b/a WONDER FOODS
- PORKCHOP GLENWOOD LLC d/b/a PORKCHOP
- John L's II Inc. d/b/a John L's II
- Bootleggers Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Bootlegger's Pizza
- DOC'S DINER INC. d/b/a DOC'S DINER
- Rick & Anita's, Inc. d/b/a Rick & Anita's
- C & D's Silver Dollar Lounge, Inc. d/b/a C & D's Silver Dollar Lounge, and
- IBPO Elks of the World, Capital City Lodge #1160 d/b/a Capital City Lodge #1160

Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board grant the request for hearing submitted by **BSZ Inc.** d/b/a **Brookfield Ale House**. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hansen moved that the Board **grant** the request for hearing submitted by **Springfield Pub, Inc. d/b/a The Dublin Pub**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3:2. Members Robinson and Alejandre voted NO.

## Requests to Reapply

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the requests to reapply submitted by:

- CRAIGINATOR INC. d/b/a PIONEER TAP
- CRAIGINATOR INC. d/b/a CAROLE'S NEXT BEST THING
- SHORTSTOP FOREST PARK, L.L.C. d/b/a Shortstop
- GINANCE INC. d/b/a ANGELO O'LEARYS; and
- 7300 Circle, Inc. d/b/a Circle Inn

Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **grant** the requests to reapply submitted by:

- REG VENTURES, INC. d/b/a MAGGIE O'NEILLS PUBLIC HOUSE; and
- Tavern on LaGrange Corp. d/b/a Tavern on LaGrange

Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board grant the request by New Life Financial 15 LLC d/b/a The Loft Restaurant and Bar to reapply for an establishment license. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Member Hansen moved that the Board **issue** a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the establishment license of **Tenlittle "LP" d/b/a Firewater**, said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **issue** Disciplinary Complaint revoking the location license of **MERITON INC. d/b/a Dino's**, said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board **issue** Disciplinary Complaints revoking the location licenses of **Justin Laumbattus d/b/a Em's Tavern; Roger Salmon d/b/a Monticello Bowl & Lounge; and Brady's Tailhook, LLC d/b/a Brady's Tailhook** and, said actions to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaints, unless Answers are properly filed within that timeframe. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hansen moved that the Board **issue** a Disciplinary Complaints revoking the location licenses of **PLAY PEN**, **INC. d/b/a Play Pen** and **Heartland Liquors**, **Inc. d/b/a Heartland Liquors**, said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an

Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

# Failure to Maintain Qualifications for Licensure

Member Dolins moved that the Board **issue** Disciplinary Complaints revoking the location licenses of **TAVERN AT THE SAHARA, INC. d/b/a Tavern at the Sahara and TILLEY'S TAVERN INC.** said actions to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaints, unless Answers are properly filed within that timeframe. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

# Failure to Disclose Owner and/or PSIC; Non-Cooperation

Member Hansen moved that the Board **issue** a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the establishment license of **PANINO'S ITALIAN SANDWICHES & CRAB SHACK, LLC d/b/a Panino's Italian Sandwiches & Crab Shack**, said action to take effect 21 days from the date of service of the Complaint, unless an Answer is properly filed within that timeframe. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **Settlements**

Member Hansen moved that the Board delegate to the Administrator authority to enter into settlement agreements with and, where necessary, to administratively dismiss the filed complaints or provide settlement agreements to the administrative law judge for disposition for the following licensees:

- Jeffrey Michael Ellis, DC-V-17-222
- Winnie's Café of Bridgeview, LLC d/b/a Winnie's Bistro, LLC, DC-V-17-165
- Randette Spiess d/b/a Izz Azz, DC-V-18-002

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### **ADJOURN**

At 10:30 AM, Member Dolins moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Harlovic Acting Legal Counsel